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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PEOPLES TEMPLE

1. HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO CONTACTED DEPUTY SECRETARY CON-

CERNING LETTER HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE WRITTEN IN PRAISE OF

THE PEOPLES TEMPLE. A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE SECRETARY'S

FILES HAS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY SUCH LETTER. DEPARTMENT

HAS COPY OF COMPENDIUM PREPARED BY PEOPLES TEMPLE,

"STATEMENTS ABOUT REV. JIM JONES AND THE PEOPLES TEMPLE."

WHICH CONTAINS A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO CALIFANO.

2. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER

PEOPLES TEMPLE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOG ACTUAL LETTERS FROM

SECRETARY CALIFANO AND OTHER PROMINENT AMERICANS OR MERELY

THE COMPENDIUM. IF LETTERS MADE AVAILABLE, EMBASSY SHOULD

SEEK TO OBTAIN COPIES OF ALLEGED CALIFANO LETTER AND OTHERS

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FROM GOG. RESULTS OF INQUIRY SHOULD BE FORWARDED ASAP.

3. IF THE EMBASSY COMES ACROSS COPIES OF LAUDATORY LETTERS

FROM PROMINENT AMERICANS IN TEMPLE PAPERS. COPIES SHOULD

BE MADE AND POUCHED TO ARA/CAR.

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